

MIC Musings

After "The Winter that Wasn't", our Spring has certainly come back strong! Severe thunderstorms have kept all of us quite busy so far this season and I don't believe we are anywhere close to seeing this end yet. In just three days - April 19, May 31, and June 26, we totaled 53 severe weather events and warned for 46 of them. We couldn't have done this without you folks! Your dedication and enthusiasm are very much appreciated. Please know that your reports are a big part of our warning process and you directly help us save lives and property. Keep up the good work, we are counting on you!

*Michael Wyllie, Meteorologist-in-Charge
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Parting Shots...

Let me apologize for the delay in getting a new newsletter out. It's been a busy spring and early summer around here, even if Mother Nature hasn't been completely out of control.

Attention all County Coordinators and Deputy Coordinators...

We are looking at having our annual Coordinators Meeting here at the office in the fall. Right now, we are considering holding the meeting on the Saturday morning during the Skywarn Recognition Day Special Event, which will be held on December 7th. There will be plenty more to follow on both the Coordinators meeting and Skywarn Recognition Day, so stay tuned.

Craig and Donna Make Their Respective NOAA Weather Radio Debuts...

Yes, you read it correctly...the long-awaited and long advertised new voices for NWR have finally hit the airwaves in the Tri-State Region. Donna is currently being used for our Marine Forecasts and Tide Information, while Craig handles the Regional Weather Summary duties. Craig and Donna will be utilized for all products

in the coming weeks and months (yes, "Sven" will be leaving us).

And, rumor has it that another new voice, "Tom," is being tested and will be available in the coming months.

Graphical forecasts are now available...

The NWS in Upton recently began posting graphical gridded forecasts to our webpage. These gridded forecasts are still in the experimental stages, and thus, will only be updated twice per day.

The available short range grids (out to approximately 60 hours) are as follows...

- High and Low Temperatures for each day
- Temperature/Wind Speed, every 6 hours
- Probability of Precipitation, every 12 hours
- Quantitative Precipitation Forecasts (amount), every 6 hours
- Forecast Weather, every 3 hours
- Dew Point Temperature, every 6 hours
- Sky Cover, every 6 hours

The available long range grids (days 3-7)...

- High and Low Temperatures for each day
- Probability of Precipitation, every 12 hours
- Forecast Weather for 2 pm each day

Check out the graphics, and send any comments to me (Scott).

We hope you enjoyed this rather long edition of "*The Microburst*." Be sure to check out the web links below and picture of the issue, once again from the photo archives of Glenford Pennington WX3TWC. Remember, submissions for the Microburst are welcomed by all (pictures also). Who knows, they might show up in a Skywarn class near you too!

73

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National Hurricane Center

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